

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **Public Safety Communications Terrorism Training Courses**

### **Regulations 1070, 1081, and 1082**

The proposed amendments meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1350 (McPherson), signed into law and enacted in Penal Code §13519.12. POST is required to establish training standards for, and develop a course of instruction addressing, the responsibilities of first responders to terrorism and to develop a course of instruction to train trainers and first responders to maximize the availability and delivery of this training. Specific language in the bill and resulting Penal Code section includes criteria for the curriculum content as recommended by the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee (ERTAC), the peace officer audience, and calls for collaboration with the Department of Justice and subject matter experts.

The proposed changes to Regulations 1070, 1081 and 1082 would provide for the standardized delivery of first-responder terrorism awareness training statewide, require instructors to complete the POST-certified 24-hour trainer course prior to the delivery or presentation of the 8-hour awareness course, and specify the curriculum content for both courses.

As indicated in Penal Code §13519.12, each law enforcement agency executive may determine the members of their agency to receive the emergency response to terrorism incidents training. Persons to receive training include, but are not limited to, peace officers who perform general law enforcement duties at a managerial or supervisory level or below and are assigned field duties. The proposed course will train public safety communications/dispatchers in a variety of terrorism awareness subjects. Therefore, there is no language proposed to establish who must attend the eight-hour course.

#### **Justification for Amendments to Regulation 1070 (b)**

The proposed amendments to Regulation 1070 Minimum Training Standards for Instructors of POST-Certified Specialized Subjects adds a course in the “Training Course” column for the existing Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness category. The completion of the identified instructor course is required prior to the presentation of specialized training. Language added to the Specialized Subject column identifies the training category as Terrorism & WMD Awareness. This training category identifies a specialized subject that may be the subject of a stand-alone course or a specialized subject taught within a larger course. It also requires instructors to complete the required instructor course prior to the presentation of specialized subjects.

#### **Justification for Amendments to Regulation 1081 (a)**

The proposed amendment to Regulation 1081 Standards for Legislatively-Mandated Courses adds new section (37) to identify the minimum standards for a new legislatively mandated course pursuant to Penal Code 13519.12. Added language identifies the minimum standards and specified curriculum content for the Public Safety Communications Terrorism Awareness Training Course (PSC-TAC) developed pursuant to the requirements of Penal Code Section 13519.12

Item (36) is marked as “Reserved for related but separate file.” The topic for this item is the subject of another Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action published on the same date and with the same time factors.

#### **Justification for Amendments to Regulation 1082 (d)**

The proposed amendment to Regulation 1082 Minimum Content Requirements for Instructor Courses adds a new section, in alphabetical order by course title, which identifies the minimum course content for a legislatively mandated instructor course pursuant to Penal Code 13519.12. Added language identifies the minimum content requirements for the Public Safety Communications Terrorism Awareness Instructor Course (PSC-TAIC) and renumbers the remaining sections chronologically. This includes a placeholder for number in a reserved for related but separate file.